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THE FAST EXPRESS ✓

Photoplay in two reels ✓

#12 The Trial Run ✓

and Continuity
✓ Story by Frank H. Clark ✓

Directed by Wm. Duncan ✓

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"THE FAST EXPRESS"

Universal Chapter Play

Starring WILLIAM DUNCAN
with EDITH JOHNSON

No. 12—"The Trial Run"

BRENT and Tom, recovered from the shock of the auto crash, go with Elaine after the stolen option. Tom leaves them to head off Rita, whom Rand is shanghaiing to Chicago so she cannot testify against Langley. Brent demands the option of Langley, who refuses to divulge its hiding-place. By starting a fake fire, Brent tricks Langley into revealing the hiding-place of the option, and recovers it. Tom, meanwhile, pursues Rand and Rita, but is thrown from their speeding auto in a struggle for the girl.

Brent manages to stall off his irate stockholders until he can tie-up with the Mid-West Central. Everything depends on the outcome of a trial run over the Sanborn spur. Rand kidnaps the engine crew of the locomotive, while his accomplice puts the boiler out of order. Langley and Sanborn plot to interfere by injunction proceedings with the trial run, but are overheard by Tony, who rushes to Brent with the news. Unable to get a spare crew, Brent and Elaine undertake to pilot the train themselves, and pull out just as the sheriff arrives. The locomotive cab fills with blinding, suffocating clouds of steam, and suddenly the huge boiler blows up.

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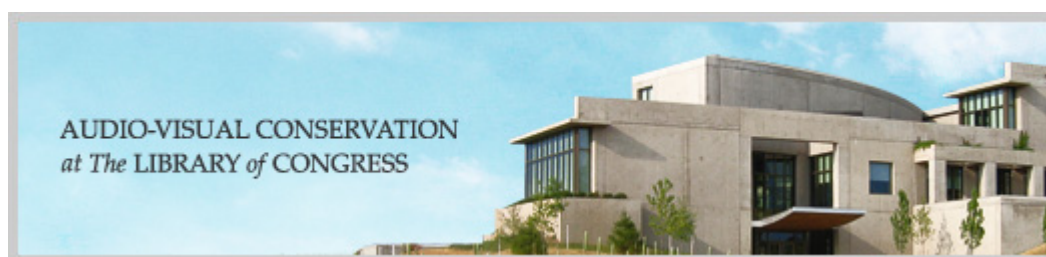
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